MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr: Thangabalu.

SHRI THANGABAALU: I do not want to put any supplementaries.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ghulam Rasool Matto.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Mr. Chairman Sir....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Implementation of revised pay scales of the teaching staff in NDA Pune

*202. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised pay scales of the teaching staff in the National Defence Academy Pune, which were approved in January, 1983, are yet to be made applicable and with the application of University Grants Commission qualifications a large number of staff have been deprived of the benefits of the revised scales of pay and promotions despite having put in twenty years of service;

(b) whether it is also a fact that different pay scales for similar duties are applicable in the Academy and civilian officers are discriminated against in the matter of housing, promotional avenues and other matters; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor, stating the remedial steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) All teaching staff in the N.D.A., Pune, possessing UGC qualifications are entitled to the revised pay-scales from 1.1.1983. Issues relating to the grant of the revised pay scales to staff not possessing the UGC qualifications are under consideration.

(b) and (c) There is no discrimination in the matter of housing or service matters which are governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the Government, from time to time.

Cost escalation of public sector projects

*203. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VEGHELA:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 108 out of the 183 major public sector projects have been delayed by many years, thus escalating the original estimated cost from about Rs. 24803 crores to about Rs. 43254 crores; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of the burden on the national economy in terms of the accumulated interest and loss of production, in rupees, caused by the delay?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. This was the position as reflected in the Quarterly Status Report for the quarter ending September 1985. The updated position as on 31.3.1986, in respect of projects costing over Rs. 20 crores each is that 134 projects out of 264 under implementation have been delayed from 3 months and 204 months. The anticipated cost of these 134 delayed projects is Rs. 43890 crores against original sanctioned cost of Rs. 26802 crores.

(b) The extent of the burden on the national economy is terms of accumulated interest and loss of production is not known as the same is a very complex matter involving a number of variables and assumptions.